commercial activities of the private plants.

(c) MFIL is exploring the possibility of inceasing the sale of Rasika by introducing more flavours in larger size bottles of 300 ml each as well as in tetrapacks.

Article on Indo-Bangladesh Relations

1136. SHRI ANANTRAM JAISWAL:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to an article written by former Foreign Secretary, Shri J.N. Dixit under the heading India & Bangladesh—The treaty no one wants appearing in the 'Indian Express' dated the 4th July, 1995; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government with regard to the matters described in the article?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The views expressed by the former Foreign Secretary have been made in his own capacity and cannot be taken to reflect the views of the Government of India. The question of whether the Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Peace of 1972 between India and Bangaldesh should be renewed, may be considered by Government at the appropriate time.

Foreign collaborators for Metro Cellular Licences

1137. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the foreign partners/collaborators originally approved by the DOT for the 8 Metro Cellular licences;

(b) whether DOT has permitted change of foreign partners/collaborators for any licencee;

(c) if so, the details and justification thereof; and

(d) if not, the applicable policy for permitting such changes?

THE MINSITER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Details are given in statement enclosed herewith. (*see* below)

(b) No Sir.

(c) Not applicable in view of (b) above.

(d) Change of foreign partners/collaborators is allowed with the prior approval of Telecom. Authority provided that the criteria that was followed for the evaluation of the tender in respect of the foreign collaborator are satisfied by the new collaborator.

Statement

Cellular Mobile Telephone Service List of Licensees

S. No.	Name of the Company	Name of the Foreign Partner	Cities
1.	M/s. Bharti Cellular Ltd. 15th Floor, Devika Tower 6, Nehru Place, New Delhi — 110 019.	(i) M/s. General Mobile Co. Ltd., UK. (ii) M/s. Mobile Systems Intl., UK (iii) M/s. EMTEL Ltd., Mauritius.	Delhi

S. No.	Name of the Company	Name of the Foreign Partner	Cities
2.	M/s. Sterling Cellular Ltd., 19, Cathedral Garden Road, Nungambakkam, Madras — 600 034.	M/s. Cellular Communicaction International Inc. U.S.A.	Delhi
3.	M/s. BPL Systems & Projects Ltd., 1/1, Palace Road Bangalore — 560 001.	M/s. France Telecom. France LCC Inc., USA	Bombay
4.	M/s. Hutchison Max Telecom Devika Tower, 6, Nehru Place, New Delhi — 110 019.	M/s. Hutchison Telecom Ltd., Hongkong	Bombay
5.	M/s. Usha Martin Telecom Ltd., 503, Hemkunt Chambers, 89, Nehru Place New Delhi — 110 019.	M/s. Telecom Malaysia BHD Malaysia.	Calcutta
6.	M/s. Modi Telstra Pvt. Ltd 13th Floor, Hemkunt Tower 98, Nehru Place, New Delhi — 110 019.	M/s. OTC International Ltd., Australia	Calcutta
7.	M/s. Skycell Communication Pvt. Ltd., Sardar Mohan Singh Building, Connaught Lane, New Delhi — 110 001	M/s. Bell South Intl. (Asia/ Pacific) Inc., USA M/s. Milicom Intl. Cellular S/A, Luxembourg	Madras
8.	M/s. RPG Cellular Service Ltd., N-83, Partap Building, 1st Floor Connaught Circus, New Delhi — 110 001.	M/s. Vodofone Group Plc. U.K.	Madras

Travelling of unauthorised persons in sleeper coaches

1138. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission has directed the Railways not to allow unauthorised persons without sleeper ticket to travel in sleeper coaches; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Railways to ensure that unauthorised persons do not travel in sleeper coaches?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) National Consumers Redressal Commission, New Delhi has directed that the Railways should provide TTE/ Conductors as per norms in the sleeper coaches, no hawker or begger be permitted into these coaches and watering/cleaning of coaches/toilets be maintained. Prior to the decision of the Commission, the instructions were already available with the Zonal Railways on these issues. These have, however, been reiterated to the Zonal Railwas for stricts compliance.